

**MER: (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

*Number of Responses:* 9,182,836.  
*Frequency of Response:* Unknown.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,295,709 hours.

**CE: (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

*Number of Responses:* 3,001,500.  
*Frequency of Response:* Unknown.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,500,750 hours.

**CE: (Respondents-Claimants)**

	Appointment form	Medical release
Number of Respondents.	750,375 ..	1,500,750.
Frequency of Response.	2 .....	2.
Average Burden Per Response.	5 minutes	5 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden.	125,062 hours.	250,125 hours

**CE Providers (Respondents-Medical Providers)**

*Number of Responses:* 6,300.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden:* 20 minutes.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,100 hours.

**ADL: (Respondents-Claimants)**

*Number of Responses:* 2,264,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:* 566,000 hours.

**Pain: (Respondents-Claimants)**

*Number of Responses:* 1,000,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.  
*Estimated Average Burden:* 250,000 hours.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.  
 (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

**Frederick W. Brickenkamp,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2918]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment; Meeting Notice**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 am on Tuesday, November 24, 1998, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the forty second session of the Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for March 8-12, 1999, at IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Among other things, items of particular interest are: revision of the High Speed Craft Code; emergency towing arrangements for tankers; safety aspects of ballast water management; guidelines on helicopter landing areas; prohibition of the use of asbestos on board new ships; development of a code on polar navigation; development on requirements for wing-in-ground craft; international approval procedures for life-saving appliances; standards and requirements for thermal protective litojackets; and guidelines under MARPOL Annex VI on prevention of air pollution from ships.

IMO works to develop international agreements, guidelines, and standards for the marine industry. In most cases, these form the basis for class society rules and national standards/regulations. Such an open meeting supports the U.S. Representative to the IMO Subcommittee in developing the U.S. position on those issues at the IMO

Subcommittee meetings. This open meeting serves as an excellent forum for the U.S. maritime industry to express their ideas and participate in the international rulemaking process. All members of the maritime industry are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the development of U.S. positions on those issues affecting your maritime industry and remain abreast of all activities ongoing within the IMO.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Wayne Lundy, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-3), 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2206.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Request For Public Comment With Respect To The Annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments that provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE.

**DATES:** Public comments are due not later than December 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW, Room 501, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria Blue, Office of Policy Coordination, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3475.